

PENTECOST NOVENA 2016



THEME: YOU ARE COMMISSIONED TO GO AND BEAR LASTING FRUITS BEING MERCIFUL AS THE FATHER
[JOHN 15:16 & LUKE 6:36]

The Prayer will be mainly the celebration of Mass with Homily based on the Pentecost Theme with spontaneous Prayer session at Bidding Prayer

DAY	REFLECTION & REFERENCE	PRAYER	SOCIETY	PROGRAMME	SPEAKER
DAY 4 MON 9/5/16	Infilling of the Holy Spirit By this my Father is glorified, that you will bear much fruits and so prove to be my disciple. John 15:8, Matt 5:16. Singing (Mass) - Immaculate Heart of Mary Choir Intercessory songs: Harp of David	We pray this day for the awakening of the Holy Spirit in us who is the source of the fruits. That we shall live lives that are worthy of believers and thus earn the recognition of disciples.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immaculate Heart of Mary Choir Stheya St. Francis of Assisi (Nigerian Com). Knights and ladies of Marshall 	The Ministries will lead the Rosary Prayers at 6pm. Outline prayer intentions (at most 2) and Go for Offertory. The society will be prayed over by the Priest	Rev Fr. Hanson
DAY 5 TUES 10/5/16	Commitment to the Lord. Reflection & References: Jn 15:4a Abide in me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruits of itself, except it abides in the vine. Ps 92:13-14, Is 40:31. Singing (Mass) - Akan Kuo. Intercessory Songs: Harp of David Ministry	We pray today for the spirit of commitment to our quiet time, bible studies, fellowships and above all the Holy Mass. That we shall stay connected always to God.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holy Family Legion of Mary Non-Society Perpetual Help Confraternity 	The Ministries will lead the Rosary Prayers at 6pm. Outline prayer intentions (at most 2) and Go for Offertory. The society will be prayed over by the Priest	Rev. Fr. Hanson
DAY 6 WED. 11/5/16	Fruits of the Spirit Reflection & References: Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith...etc Gal 5:16-26. Singing (Mass) - St. Therea Choir. Intercessory Songs: Harp of David Ministry	We pray today for total commitment to the spirit as against the flesh. This will enable us bear the desired fruits.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St. Theresa's Choir Christian Mothers St. Gabriel's Guild Ushers 	The Ministries will lead the Rosary Prayers at 6pm. Outline prayer intentions (at most 2) and Go for Offertory. The society will be prayed over by the Priest	Rev. Fr. Steve Wereko
DAY 7 THUR 12/5/16	1 Cor 3:13 And the quality of each person's work will be seen when the day of Christ exposes it; for on that day, fire will reveal everyone's work, the fire will test it and show its real quality. Heb 4:12-13, Matt 7:19. Singing (Mass) - Harp of David Ministry	Pray for the spirit of endurance, to enable us pass the test of our faith in difficult times.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Francophones Casu Catholic Women Scared heart St. Theresa's of the child Jesus 	The Ministries will lead the Rosary Prayers at 6pm. Outline prayer intentions (at most 2) and Go for Offertory. The society will be prayed over by the Priest	Rev. Fr. Steve Wereko
DAY 8 FRI 13/5/16	Sacrifice Jn 12:24 I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone but if it dies, it bears much fruits. [Matt 25:14-30, Lk 19:11-27] Singing(Mass) - Mass Choir Revival/Intercessory songs: Harp of David Ministry Healing and Deliverance by Renewal HND	We pray for the spirit of sacrifice. Much sacrifice is needed on our part just as Christ did for us to enable us win souls for Christ and also stay connected to the Holy Spirit.	All Ministries and Groups: Knolta, Angelic Choir, Ushers, Lectors, Welcomers, Immaculate, St. Theresa's Choir, Harp of David, Francophone	The Ministries will lead the Rosary Prayers at 6pm. Outline prayer intentions (at most 2) and Go for Offertory. The society will be prayed over by the Priest	Fr. Mintah Fr. Baafi An Extended Night with Healing deliverance

...And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask Him in my name..."

Have a fruitful Pentecost season!!!

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7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY MAY 8, 2016

		<p>FIRST READING: ACTS 7:55-60 Peter lays down the criteria for Judas' replacement. It was to be one of the men who had been with Jesus from the beginning of Jesus' public life until He was taken up to heaven.</p> <p>RESPONSORIAL: PSALM 97:1-2, 6-7, 9</p> <p>THE LORD IS KING, THE MOST HIGH OVER ALL THE EARTH</p> <p>SECOND READING: REVELATION 22:12-14, 16-17, 20 The Second reading inspires our heart to love beyond human limits, to live in God's love and to let God's love live in us.</p> <p>GOSPEL: JOHN 17:20-26 In the gospel, Jesus prays for "unity" among his followers; that they may find fulfillment, joy and power in his Resurrection and through his Word they may be sanctified in the truth.</p>
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CONFESSION: SATURDAY 5:00 PM—7:00PM // INFANT BAPTISM: 3RD SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH

BASIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY (BCC): Every Thursday at 6:30pm
HOLY HOUR: Every Thursday preceding first Friday of the month at 6:30 pm
EXPOSITION AND ADORATION: Every first Friday of the month from 6:00am—6:00pm
GROTTO DEVOTION: First Saturday of every month at OLA, New Achimota at 2:30PM

ARE YOU SICK OR BEREAVED? CONTACT THE FOLLOWING: 0302227027/0208159454
New Parishioners: You are warmly welcome to St. Theresa Catholic Church, please see a Priest or call the Parish office on 0302227027/0504-187661

JESUS PRAYS FOR HIS DISCIPLES

Throughout John's Gospel, Jesus has been presented as the one who pre-existed with the Father and as the one sent by the Father to do his work on earth.

In today's reading, we hear Jesus ask that the unity he experiences with the Father be extended to all who believe in him. He prays that we will be one with each other, with him, and with the Father. We are reminded that Christ is the source of Christian unity. Through Christ, we are united with one another and with God our Father.

Belief is a major theme in the Gospel of John. It begins in the prologue and continues in the response to Jesus' signs. Belief is the reason Jesus performs signs and the reason signs have been recorded in the Gospel Here Jesus prays not only for those who believe in him but for all who will come to believe in him. And he prays that the love of the Father in him may also be in all who believe so that Jesus might be in them as well.

WAITING IN PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

After Jesus' Ascension his disciples returned to the upper room where they had celebrated the Last Supper and gathered in prayer with Mary, the women, the apostles and many disciples. They needed time apart after Jesus' Ascension. It was like a time of retreat for them. Jesus had said to them to stay in the city until they were clothed with power from on high (Luke 24:49). Jesus had promised that he would send them a Comforter or Advocate, the Holy Spirit. So they spent these days on retreat praying for the Holy Spirit. Although Jesus would no longer be with them as he had been, he would continue to be with them as they celebrated the Eucharist and would be with them through his Spirit whom they would receive at Pentecost after this time of prayer together.

Remembering Mary, the women, apostles and disciples gathered in prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit reminds us of the importance of praying for what we need. While prayer is principally to make us more open to God, to help us respond better to God's grace in our lives, we also believe that God's love leads him to hear and answer our prayers of petition. We greatly admire the faith of people who pray to God every day for a request and long times afterwards have their prayer answered. Each one of us knows people whose prayers seem to be always answered, and then they are asked to pray for others also. Jesus himself taught the importance of asking God for what we need, "Ask and it will be given to you; search and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him" (Luke 11:9-10).

Is prayer wasting time instead of doing something good? We need both work and prayer in our lives. Remember what Jesus said to Martha who was busy serving Jesus while Mary sat listening at his feet, "Martha, Martha, you worry and fret about so many things and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part and it shall not be taken from her." (Luke 10:41-42). If we do not pray every day there is a huge void in our lives and we cannot hope to be happy. Not all prayers are answered, or I should say, not answered in the way we wanted. Even though not all prayers are answered in the way we desired, hopefully we can see that we have received graces we probably would not have received had those prayers been answered as we wished. We have plans and sometimes our plans are not fulfilled. They would understand Jesus only when they would receive the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

During this week before Pentecost I ask you to please pray like Mary, the women, the apostles and disciples for a renewed outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church and on all of us that we may respond to God better. Please believe that your prayer will be answered.



DAILY READINGS FROM MAY 9— MAY 14, 2016

Mon May 9	Acts 19:1-8 Ps. 68:2-3,4-5,6-7 Jn. 16:29-33
Tue May 10	Acts 20:17-27 Ps. 68:10-11,20-21; Jn. 17:1-11
Wed May 11	Acts 20:28-38; Ps. 68:29-30,33-35,35-36; Jn 17:11-19
Thurs May 12	Acts 22:30;23:6-11; Ps. 16:1-2&5,7-8,9-10,11; Jn. 17:20-26
Fri May 13	Acts 25:13-21; Ps. 103:1-2,11-12,19-20; Jn. 21:15-19
Sat May 14	Acts 1:15-17,20-26; Ps. 113:1-2,3-4,5-6,7-8; Jn. 15:9-17

PENTECOST SUNDAY (NEXT SUNDAY MAY 15, 2016)

FIRST READING:	ACTS 2:1-11
RESPONSORIAL:	PSALM 104:1,24,29-30,31,34
SECOND READING:	1 CORINTHIANS 12:3-7,12-13
GOSPEL:	JOHN 20:19-23

OFFERTORY FOR LAST SUNDAY 1ST MAY, 2016

COLLECTION	GH¢ 3,842.85
THANKSGIVING	GH¢ 24,671.00
TOTAL	GH¢ 28,513.85

LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK AND AGED PARISHIONERS

MR. ANDREW BAAH	MR. FRANCIS BAFFOE
MRS. CECILIA SENAYA	MR. JOHN ASANTE
MRS. GRACE MAHAMA	MR. JOSEPH ANOWIE
MAD. CHRISTIANA ERBYNN	MR. ATHANASIOUS EDDOH
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MRS. REJOICE AMOAH	HARA BEMPAH MENSAH

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL CITY PRAYER MEETING

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal invites you to its Pentecost City Prayer Meeting next Sunday May 15, 2016 at the Holy Spirit Retreat Centre, Kuntunse.

Speaker: V. Rev. Fr. Samuel Filton-Mensah

Topic: You shall bear much fruits (Jn. 15:6)

Time: 2:00pm

NOTE: Bus will be available at the Parish at 1:00pm

PRAYER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees You sees Him. Show us Your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed Zaccheus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that You spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If You knew the gift of God!" You are the visible face of the invisible Father of the God who manifests His power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that Your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send Your Spirit and consecrate everyone of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind. We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy; you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. **Amen.**

JOINT ECUMENICAL SERVICE OF THE GHANA BISHOPS' CONFERENCE

Joint Ecumenical Service of the Ghana Bishops' Conference and the Heads of Member Churches of the Christian Council of Ghana is on **Wednesday 18th May, 2016 at 6:30pm at St. Theresa Catholic Church, Kaneshie.**

It is under the theme "**In partnership with God in His world Mission**".

M.C.: **Rev. Fr. Michael Awuah-Ansah** (Executive Secretary Pastoral Ministry & Evangelization NCS, Accra)
All are invited

MRS. ROSEMOND KAYI SEDO GOES HOME

The funeral arrangements for the late **Rosemond Kayi Sedo** are as follows:

Friday 13th May, 2016, filing past at 7:00am—8:30am, followed by burial Mass at St. Theresa Catholic Church, Kaneshie. **Interment:** Awudome Cemetery Reception follows at the St. Theresa Parish Hall, Kaneshie

Thanksgiving: 15th May, 2016 at St. Theresa, Kaneshie She was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Confraternity

All are cordially invited

UPCOMING GOLDEN JUBILEE ACTIVITIES

JUNE	-	MEN'S MONTH (FATHERS DAY)
JULY	-	YOUTH
AUGUST	-	PILGRIMAGE TO YAMO USSOKRO 18TH -21ST AUGUST, 2016

UPCOMING WOMEN'S DAY PROGRAMME

The month of May is generally reserved for Women. This year's programme is exceptional. Below are the upcoming programmes:

Today is Mother's Day. All women are entreated to be available after 1st Mass for the Unveiling of the Parish signboard. The dress code for the Mother's day is afro wigs with guarantee shoes (old school dress) etc.

Tuesday 17th May—talk during evening Mass on "**The Power of the praying Woman**" by **Mrs. Philomena Nortey**

Fri. 20th May— Talk during evening Mass on "**Women's Health and Nutrition**" by **Dr. Mrs. Martina Afrifa-Appiah**

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Catechism classes for Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation have begun. The following are the schedule and venue for the classes

♦ Baptism and First Holy Communion for children

Day: Saturdays at 8:00am
Venue: Beneath the Parish Hall

♦ Baptism and First Holy Communion for adults

Day: Sundays at 3:00pm
Venue: Conference Room
Interested people are welcome

♦ Confirmation for adult and children

Time: 3:00pm every Sunday
Venue: Parish Hall, first floor

Contact: **020-8001234/020-8154595** for registration and further details

MARRIAGE CORNER

2ND PUBLICATION OF BANNS

GROOM: **IMMANUEL M. NARTEY** BRIDE: **ERICA SENGRETSI**
FATHER: **JOHN T. NARTEY** FATHER: **ERIC SENGRETSI**
MOTHER: **HENRIETTA NARTEY** MOTHER: **CONSTANCE NKANSAH**

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL MOTHERS



The bond that a child develops with his mother can never be severed. You grew as an organism inside her for nine months. She carried you and sustained you, sharing her sustenance with you through your umbilical cord.

When you are born the cord is severed. It is never severed in her heart. That bond lasts forever. As we grow up we become our own people and may come to forget that woman who nurtured and loved us. But remember this, she will never forget you and never stop loving you.

MOTHERS, YEDA MO ASE PAA!